

# Mission Aviation Training Academy



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## The *UNREACHED* do not know about Christmas ...



“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel” - *Matt 1:23*

“Immanuel” means *God with us*. Christmas is remembering and celebrating the child, God Himself, who came *to us* in the person of Jesus Christ. As Christians we celebrate new life, true peace, true hope, and deliverance from all our sins in Christ. This is why He came, the reason defined by his very name, “*you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins*” (Matt 1:21). The unreached peoples of the world do not know about Christmas because they do not know Christ... they have never heard the true story of Immanuel.

Missionary aviation plays a critical role in bringing the message of Christmas to those who have never heard. Mission aviation agencies are tasked with finding qualified pilots and mechanics to operate in and out of some of the most remote places in the world where the unreached peoples live. And where do they get qualified pilot candidates? That’s where MATA comes in. Our mission statement is as follows:

*“Our mission is spreading the message of the Gospel farther and faster through the equipping and training of pilots for mission aviation ministry. This includes helping pilots meet the qualifications for major mission aviation organizations, as well as training pilots directly for service with smaller, independent mission aviation ministries.”* (MATA Board, 12/31/2008)

And how does MATA accomplish its mission? That’s where you come in. Your prayers and gifts to MATA are a provision from the Lord moving us forward in our mission, by His grace, to bring Christmas - the story of Immanuel - to the *UNREACHED*.

### The Mission Agencies Need Qualified Fixed-Wing Pilots!



*Desperate for 2 pilots now*



*At least 2 pilots/year for the next 5 years*



*7 Pilots now*

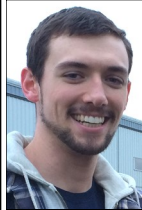


*12 Pilots now*

“We are grateful for your partnership in the Gospel!  
*Merry Christmas!*” - from the MATA staff and families



### Pray for Trey!

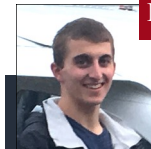


Trey Henderson, one of our students, returned home due to Lyme disease. He is trusting the Lord but this ailment has really set him back in life and his training. A new treatment plan has been put in place and Trey physically seems to be getting his strength back. Please pray for his complete healing and a return to MATA soon. *Thank you!*

### Congratulations to All!



**Jonathan Robbins**  
Private Pilot, August 15th



**Daniel Jones**  
Private Pilot, Nov. 4th



**Isaac Oberholzer**  
Instrument Rating, Nov. 9th

**PLUS...**



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**Benjamin  
Lauren  
Annamarie  
& Barry**

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## “BUILDING” towards a BIGGER future

As our staff and student enrollment have grown, so has the need to build new office and classroom space. As the Lord causes the growth, we eagerly anticipate Him to provide all we need. For this hope in a future provision, *we praise Him already!* We are grateful for your prayerful consideration concerning participation in this fund-raising effort. *Thank you!*

NEW GROWTH    A NEW NEED    THE GOAL    CAN YOU HELP?



# \$50K

By the end of 2016



Gordon Bakke



## A note of “Thanks!”

How do we say thanks for all that you have done for Elaine and me during the 17 years we have been with MATA? These past 11 years in the position of Executive Director have been an amazing time of seeing the Lord provide what MATA needed, “right on cue” as it were. Students, staff, aircraft, hangar, and finances all arrived at just the right time.

We so appreciated all who came to the MATA luncheon on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and all who put in so much effort before and during the luncheon and open house at the hangar to make it a memorable day. We also want to thank you for the kind words that you wrote on the cards and in the guest book.

Looking to the future, my goal is to be able to visit you in your home, assisted living facility, or church for individual or group visits. I am able to travel, so please contact me even if you do not live nearby.

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## DARY FINCK Director's Corner



I was reading from Richard Kriegbaum's book, *Leadership Prayers*, and came upon these statements on page 67, "Keep us true to Your values, Lord, whether we seem to be succeeding or not... I will still do my best to honor you in everything we do as an organization... Our good name matters only if it is under Your great name." This prayer reflects our desires at MATA. We strive to be and do the best we can in our ministry to provide missionaries with the best tools we know in order for them to be the most effective they can be at reaching the lost. However, all this "seeming success" is for naught if we fail to honor our Lord and King in everything we do. This is God's work, His hangar, His planes, His servants, and His ministry.

May we be reminded this Christmas season to teach our family, our children, our loved ones, our peers, and anyone we can about Jesus, not just as a babe who came in swaddling clothes to lie in a manger, but that He is the Savior of the world, seeking the lost. As **Revelation 5:13** says, “And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, ‘Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!’” Amen.

